

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, which starts with " In still another aspect of the invention, a plurality of virtual keys 26 can be provided..." with the following replacement paragraph:

In still another aspect of the invention, a plurality of virtual keys 26 can be provided, either displaced from the keypad 20 or as a part ~~o~~ of the keypad 20. Each of these keys 26 could be selectively programmable to emulate the functions of a respective number of keys 22. Each of these virtual keys 26 can also include an implementation for producing a visible distinction between one or more virtual key and its respective counterpart selected key 24. For example, each virtual key 26 can be indicated by a different color or illumination level to indicate e.g. the last several selected keys 24. Also, a visible distinction can be created between one or more pairs of virtual keys 26 and their respective counterpart keys 24. Each pair can be indicated by a different color, or by different indicia on the displays of each pair of keys 24, 26. In another aspect of the invention, a virtual key 26 can be selectively programmed to consecutively emulate the functions of a plurality of keys 22, e.g. similarly to computer "macro."